

Laws, the validity of some of the State Laws in regard to control of molasses have been challenged by some of the sugar mills in the Hon'ble Supreme Court by filing S.L.P. Further action by the Central Government will depend on the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Fertilizers to Farmers

2178. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the existing policy of Government 60 per cent fertilizers are being provided to the farmers by the Government agencies and 40 per cent by Private agencies; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the said policy in letter and spirit in Jammu and Kashmir State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. Allocations of fertilizers, which are under statutory price control, are made as per the requirement of the State irrespective of the fact that a supplier is in cooperative, public or private sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Trafficking of Girls

2179. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-items captioned "Cross border trafficking of girls still on the rise" which appeared in the 'Pioneer', dated May 27, 1996.

(b) whether the Government have unearthed any rampant trafficking of young girls from across the borders.

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to check this evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[Translation]

Funds for Afforestation

2180. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of funds earmarked for afforestation

during each of the last three years and for 1996-97, till date, State-wise; and

(b) the actual amount spent by each State during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Stoppage at New Coochbehar

2181. SHRI AMAR RAY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received a number of request for providing stoppage of all the trains at Coochbehar especially of the Guwahati-Calcutta Express.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken on these requests so far.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Only 2423/2424 Rajdhani Express and 3045/3046 Howrah-Guwahati-Saraighat Express are not stopping at New Coochbehar.

(c) to (e). These requests have been examined, but not found justified keeping in view the importance of these services

Mangalore-Mumbai Rail Link

2182. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the total amount spent so far on the Konkan Railway Project, providing rail link between Mangalore to Mumbai.

(b) the time by which the work is scheduled to the completed.

(c) the places where the work has already been completed under the said project; and

(d) the amount spent during 1995-96 on the said project and the amount required to complete the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Rs. 2063.52 crores

(b) By December, 1996.

(c) the following sections of the Konkan Railway have already been completed and opened for passenger traffic :-

Section	Kms.
(i) Roha-Veer	48
(ii) Veer-Khed	52
(iii) Khed-Chiplun	30
(iv) Kundapur-Udupi	32
(v) Udupi-Mangalore	68
Total	230

(d) The total expenditure of the project during 1995-96 is Rs. 368.04 crores on works side and the amount required to complete the project is approximately Rs. 300 crores.

Agricultural Production

2183. SHRI PINAKI MISRA :

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the percentage of increase in agricultural production is in proportion to population growth during 1991 to 1995;

(b) if so, the figures thereof during the said period State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to maintain parity?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The percentage increase in agricultural production during 1991 to 1995 is higher than proportionate increase in population during the same period at the all India level.

(b) The State-wise annual percentage increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from agriculture and population growth for the period 1991-92 to 1994-95 is shown in the statement-I enclosed.

(c) Various developmental programmes are being implemented for increasing the production and productivity of various commodities like rice, wheat, coarse cereals, cotton, jute & mesta, sugarcane, milk, eggs, etc. at the rate which would be higher than the rate of growth of population and also sufficient enough to meet the increasing demand due to rise in per capita income.

STATEMENT

Rate of Growth for the period 1991 to 1995

(per cent per annum)

States	Gross Domestic Product from Agriculture	Population
Andhra Pradesh	1.14	1.57
Assam	(-) 1.02	2.02
Bihar	(-) 0.56	2.15
Gujrat	12.31	1.90
Haryana	3.44	2.35
Himachal Pradesh	0.21	1.87
Jammu & Kashmir	N.A.	N.A.
Karnataka	3.50	1.75
Kerala	3.98	1.16
Madhya Pradesh	5.04	2.19
Maharashtra	10.46	1.77
Orissa	0.41	1.60
Punjab	2.58	1.87
Rajasthan	6.60	2.47
Tamilnadu	5.37	1.17
Uttar Pradesh	0.93	2.42
West Bengal	N.A.	1.76
All-India	3.95	1.94

N.A. : Not available

Accident at Erode

2184. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that accidents in Erode Sector took place frequently

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of accidents in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) There has been one accident at Erode during the period April-June, 1996. In this accident, 57 tank wagons of a goods train derailed on 14.6.1996 due to the loss of control by the driver on a falling gradient. The Driver of the Train, Assistance Driver and the Guard have been held responsible and placed under suspension.